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LA CIMA TEACHER SENTENCED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES

TUCSON, ARIZONA – The U.S. Attorney's Office announces that **KATHLEEN ANNETTE MORRIS** was sentenced to five years probation on federal firearms charges of Possession of a Stolen Firearm.

Kathleen Morris was charged in connection with the April 10, 2000, shooting at La Cima Middle School. The original indictment alleged the defendant intended to defraud the Arizona Retirement System by claiming disability after self-inflicting a gunshot wound and then claiming that the school failed to provide adequate security. It is also alleged that to further this fraudulent scheme, the defendant sent threatening letters through the United States Postal Service, addressed to herself at the La Cima Middle School. The letters were sent on March 20, March 28, and April 7, 2000.

In addition to the federal charges, MORRIS was sentenced to one year imprisonment and five years probation on Pima County charges relating to fraudulent schemes.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Pima County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution was handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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